

PARKS, RECREATION & BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
City of Fort Lauderdale
100 North Andrews Avenue
8th Floor Conference Room
Wednesday, April 28, 2004

<u>BOARD MEMBERS</u>	<u>ABSENT/PRESENT</u>	<u>Cumulative from 10/02/03</u>	
		<u>P</u>	<u>A</u>
John Rude, Chair	P	5	0
John Melnicoff, Vice Chair	P	5	0
Julie Cameron	P	3	2
Elizabeth Hays	P	4	1
Robert Hoysgaard	P	4	1
Joann Medalie	P	5	0
Robert Missal	A	3	2
Timothy Nast	P	4	1
Michael Natale	P	4	1
Rosalind Osgood	A	0	5
Randy Powers	A	2	3
Victoria Pristo-Revier	P	2	3
Joe Shover	P	5	0
Shirley Small	A	4	1
Andrew DeGraffenreidt, Sr.	P	3	0

Guests

Edna Elijah, President Lauderdale Manors Homeowner's Association
Peter Scalzo, Owner South Florida Motocross Enterprises, Inc.
Joseph Gallegos, City Manager of Wilton Manors

Staff Present

Ernest Burkeen, Parks & Recreation Director
Vince Gizzi, Special Facilities Superintendent
Steve Person, Recreation Superintendent
Stu Marvin, Aquatic Complex Manager
David Deal, Recreation Program Coordinator
Jason McDannold, Recreation Programmer II
Maybeth Irizarry-Binon, Administrative Assistant
Lisa Edmondson, Recording Clerk

Call to Order

Chair John Rude called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and all stood for

the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Shover, seconded by Vice Chair Melnicoff, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2004 meeting. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

1. Recreation Program of the Month (Bass Park Swim Meet)

Mr. Deal gave a presentation on the Bass Park Swim Meet program, showing pictures of the activities and participants.

Mr. Deal stated that this is a competitive swimming program and they have received a block grant to compete in national swim meets. He reported that at the 18th Annual Black Swim Meet, Bass Park participants received two 1st place and two 2nd place awards. They are planning to attend another meet in Atlanta in June. Program recruits are found in-house and through the Learn to Swim program.

2. Update on South Florida Motocross Proposal at Mills Pond Park

Mr. Jason McDannold reported that another sound test had been conducted, this time monitoring approximately 20 to 25 motorbikes in different areas of the park.

Ms. Elijah spoke in favor of the motocross, stating that at a Homeowner Association meeting the previous Saturday, they did agree to this activity in Mills Pond Park.

Mr. Joseph Gallegos, City Manager for Wilton Manors, voiced concerns of Wilton Manor's Mayor and Commission regarding the compatibility of motocross with nearby residential areas within their city boundaries, as well as damage to the mangrove preserve and additional traffic on 9th Avenue. Mr. Scalzo offered to conduct additional noise testing for Wilton Manors, however, he felt there would be sufficient noise buffering from the trees.

Motion made by Dr. Hayes, seconded by Mr. Shover, to recommend approval of a motocross facility in Mills Pond Park, with the stipulation that a report be made to the Board and the City Commission at the end of the one year trial which will include input from City and Wilton Manors residents. In a roll call vote as follows, the motion passed 9-2: Mr. DeGraffenreidt, yes; Mr. Shover, yes; Ms. Pristo-Revier, yes; Mr. Natale, yes; Mr. Nast, yes; Ms. Medalie, no; Mr. Hoysgaard, yes; Dr. Hays, yes; Ms. Cameron, yes; Vice Chair Melnicoff, yes; Chair Rude, yes.

3. Recommendation for Plaque in Civic Peoples Park

Mr. Natale and Dr. Hays made a presentation to the Board reviewing Mr. Hayes' history with the

City and requesting approval of a plaque in his honor at Civic Peoples Park. There are currently four plaques honoring citizens at the park. Dr. Hays also suggested the planting of memorial trees.

Motion made by Mr. Shover, seconded by Mr. Hoysgaard, to approve placement of the plaque. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Items of Interest

Mr. Natale reported that through efforts of the President of his Homeowners Association, Commission Rodstrom has offered to help the City purchase a parcel of property in his neighborhood. He stated the appraisal came in at a very low number, even though the property is on the water and worth considerably more. The parcel will be used for open space and named the "Ann Herman Memorial Park."

Dr. Hays talked about the opening of the Riverside Park Community Center, stating that it was one of the nicest community centers she has seen. She commended parks staff for their efforts.

Dr. Hays also expressed concern regarding cancellation of the Cajun Zydeco Festival, strongly suggesting that the Board advise the City to "do almost anything possible" to maintain this event. Mr. Burkeen advised that Mr. Silva has requested that special events "be reviewed thoroughly" to determine whether they produce revenue. He stated it is not so much that the event may be cancelled, but it may change operating hands. Dr. Hays asked that the Board go on the record encouraging continuation of the Cajun Zydeco Festival, especially since it is a revenue-producing event.

There was further discussion regarding the Board's involvement in budget decisions regarding recreational and park events being continued or cancelled, lack of event sponsorship funds, and volunteer sources.

With regard to Carter Park, Mr. Gizzi stated that a new contractor is in place and the project will move forward.

Dr. Hays reported that there has been a snafu with the construction company for Riverland Woods; she will keep an eye on the status of this project. Dr. Hays also stated that there has been debate regarding land given to the City at SR 441 and Davie Boulevard, which they are trying to use for open space and signage into the City. She is working with Commission Moore to resolve this matter.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.